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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dan W.C. Delmer

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Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

For: COUPLING FOR PIPE AND RELATED METHODS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement of September 27, 2002, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-15, 19 and 20 (corresponding to Examiner's Group I) for examination, without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Claims 1-15, 19 and 20, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 285, subclass 39 (Examiner's Group 1) and Claims 16-18, drawn to a method of assembling a plurality of pipe pieces together, classified in class 264, subclass 230 (Examiner's Group II).

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